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LABEL OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD .
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any demand to label the genetically modified food and food products so as to determine the contents; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir; world over there is a general view to have labelling of food and food products derived from the genetically modified crops taking note of consumer`s interest. Government is also considering this issue; a policy paper has been prepared from the view point of labelling and also bio-safety issues as per the Environment (Protection) Act as and when the genetically modified food and food products are available for commercial utilization.